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SOUTH BEND-LAPORTE, INDIANA, MILK MARKET NEWS

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FEBRUARY UNIFORM PRICE \$3.89

Dairy farmers will receive a uniform price of \$3.89 for February deliveries of Grade A milk to handlers under the South Bend-LaPorte, Indiana, milk order. The uniform price is based upon a butterfat test of 3.5 percent, and will be adjusted by a differential of 7.1 cents for each one-tenth percent that tests vary above or below the 3.5 percent standard. This minimum price is subject to a 3 cent per hundredweight marketing service deduction, together with the authorized hauling charges and the 3 percent transportation tax on the hauling. This uniform price is down 10 cents from the January price and is 6 cents less than the uniform price of a year ago.

PRODUCER RECEIPTS

Producers delivered over 14 and one-half million pounds of milk to handlers in February on this market, and of these receipts, 69.6% were allocated to Class I for computation of the uniform price. On a daily basis, production was 26.5% over a year ago, and for the first time in the history of this market, the average daily herd production was over 500#. The previous high in average daily herd production on this market occurred in May 1956, when we reached a high of 484#, as compared to the 509# average of February.

SALES INFORMATION

Class I sales have increased on a daily basis about 13 percent over a year ago. Analyzing the statistics on the following page, it is interesting to note that fortified skim milk has accounted for a large amount of the increase. Fortified skim milk sales are 102.5% higher than a year ago, while regular skim milk sales are declining slightly.

FINAL DECISION FOR ORDER NO. 67

The final decision was signed March 15, 1957, by Earl L. Butz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. The final decision has not been changed from the recommended decision. The complete order is being rewritten to eliminate some of the unnecessary parts that have been deleted and no longer pertain to the operation of the order. This amendment will probably be effective April 1, 1957.

CLASS PRICES

The February Class I price was \$4.194 per hundredweight for 3.5 percent milk. This compares with \$4.165 for February 1956. The March 1957 Class I price is \$3.969.

UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK

	February 1957 Reported Data		February 1956 Reported Data	
	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds	Product Pounds	Butterfat Pounds
<u>CLASS I</u>				
Milk	8,607,286	304,851	8,172,442	292,129
Skim Milk	86,777	47	90,799	44
Fortified Skim Milk	724,840	14,388	357,911	7,247
Buttermilk	120,187	626	125,078	840
Flavored Milk & Drink	329,471	9,203	284,422	7,281
Cereal Mixture	226,229	27,688	191,696	23,684
Coffee Cream	19,840	3,960	23,762	3,830
Whipping Cream	20,210	6,891	13,706	4,727
Sour Cream	8,162	1,562	7,641	1,463
Eggnog	249	19	300	23
Total Class I Utilization	10,143,251	369,235	9,267,757	341,268
Add: Class I Shrinkage	28,277	3,440	59,122	7,223
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	84	19	--	--
Subtract: Overage	--	--	--	--
Net Class I	10,171,444	372,656	9,326,879	348,491
<u>CLASS II</u>				
Used to Produce Cottage Cheese	1,066,752	11,136	560,811	6,106
Other Class II Products	3,313,142	177,503	2,833,193	150,266
Inventory Variation	3,563	339	(39,984)	(2,157)
Total Class II Utilization	4,383,457	188,978	3,354,020	154,215
Add: Class II Shrinkage	129,790	9,462	186,236	9,889
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	61,387	5,585	903,327	40,563
Subtract: Overage	7,306	37	5,792	113
Net Class II	4,444,554	192,818	2,631,137	123,428
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	14,615,998	565,474	11,958,016	471,919

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

	February 1957	January 1957	February 1956
Total Production	14,615,998#	17,124,130#	11,958,016#
Average Daily Production	522,000#	552,391#	412,345#
Feb. 1957 Compared With -	--	- 5.50%	+ 26.59%
Number of Producers	1025	1182	940
Daily Herd Production	509#	467#	439#
Ave. Test of Producer Milk Received	3.86887%	3.90821%	3.94647%
Average Price 3.5% Milk	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.99	\$ 3.95
Chicago 92 Score Butter	\$.59375	\$.59386	\$.57375
Class I Sales	10,143,251#	12,680,271#	9,267,757#
Class I Daily Average	362,259#	409,041#	319,578#
Feb. 1957 Compared With -	--	- 11.44%	+ 13.36%
Total Value Paid Producers	\$606,841.29	\$732,883.55	\$509,179.65
Ave. Monthly Milk Check Per Farm	\$ 592.04	\$ 620.04	\$ 541.68
Ave. Daily Milk Check Per Farm	\$ 21.14	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.68
Producer Butterfat Differential	\$.071	\$.071	\$.069

